

Golden Plough Tavern
159 West Market Street
York
York County
Pennsylvania

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Pennsylvania		COUNTY York	TOWN OR VICINITY York
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Golden Plough Tavern			HABS NO. PA-5169
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 159 West Market Street			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1741		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown; original owner was Michael Eichelberger	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The building is the only remaining example of half-timber construction, which was widely used during the early period of the region's settlement. The tavern is also significant as a public meeting place during the time when the Continental Congress met at York.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) vernacular with medieval elements			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) First story, log construction; 2nd story, half-timbered with brick nogging.			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 2-1/2 stories; 34' x 28'-5"; gable roof.			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Gable roof flares slightly at eave line; small casement windows (not original).			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Interior partitions still retaining original wattle and daub; visible timber construction including corner posts; original east wall, now serving as party wall.			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Originally a detached building, the east facade became a party wall in 1751. By 1830, the building was sheathed by clapboards. The building was restored in 1962, which included partial reconstruction (notably of first floor walls).			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Operates as a museum.			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Listed on National Register of Historic Places.			
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